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Title: THERMAL DEVELOPMENT APPARATUS, THERMAL DEVELOPMENT METHOD AND THERMAL DEVELOPMENT PHOTOSENSITIVE MATERIAL USED IN THERMAL

DEVELOPMENT APPARATUS

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- Application- 96 pages, including 3 independent claims and 3 claims total. 1.
- Drawings- 25 sheets of drawings containing 27 Figures. 2.
- Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-208438, filed July 17, 2002, 2002-373841, filed December 25, 2002, and 2002-373843, filed December 3. 25, 2002.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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